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London - 20 Grosvenor St
8 June 1850

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My Dear Sir

Received yours of the 18th

Art. last only a few days ago. In consequence
I suppose of its having miscarried. As you
are kind ^{enough} to state that you would take the
trouble to make enquiry respecting Dr
Beaumont & his prototype Mr Martin Smith
the present letter must I request that
you will do me the favor to inform me
by post but your promised letter may
have likewise been delayed whether you
have obtained any advice from Dr
Beaumont. and whether it is likely
that Mr Martin could be prevailed on
to come over to this country. I am
much obliged by your reference to

The remarks of Berzelius respecting
the contents of the stomach which you
had forwarded to him. But as that
chemist did not view the subject
in a medical point of view his observa-
tions are of little practical import.
If it is difficult or impossible to arrange
his transmigration to this country, perhaps
you could obtain for me some of the
fluid contents of the stomach, ^{procured} at the time
when the section is going on and forward
it to me by the earliest opportunity. I
should esteem this a great favor.
But if I could have the patent
himself beside me for a year I think
something of importance might be made
out. In arranging this matter with him
it would be necessary to give him a

but I think I have little doubt might
be obtained from the Association. I wish
to rid ourselves of the credit created
incubus which assail us at present. If how-
ever you should find that he would be
willing to come over upon proper arrange-
ments being made I can readily obtain
the means by public subscription.

I regret the trouble which I am now giving
you. But I am sure you will readily un-
derstand when the cause of science. You will
therefore greatly oblige me by obtaining the
information respecting the propriety of procu-
ring the presence of Mr. Martin in this country
& inform me of the result of your enquiries by
the earliest post as I intend to moot the
matter again in the Association at Glasgow.
I assure you it affords me great satisfaction
to show any attention by your friends. With
best wishes believe me Dear Sir
Very truly Yours.
R. D. Woodhouse

My uncle John Barker has been personally
instructed by receiving his share directly as he is now
 very independent & is unswerving & true. He
 is independent health and as bright as ever and
 the glorious cause -

Dec 8 1870
 New Haven
 Yale College
 United States
 Joseph Livingston

While commencing your Obedience to H^H I find
 the consequence of my Obedience on the Disaffection
of Rhode Island & find it an important matter
^{in regard to the State}
 as much unless there is some of the reformation
 has produced in the American;